

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

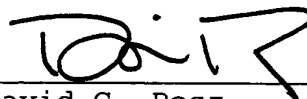
Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application.

The above application is an English language translation of PCT Application PCT/JP2004/009966, which was originally filed in the Japanese language with the Japanese Patent Office. None of the amendments to the claims made herein are intended to be narrowing, but rather are intended to place the claims in standard US format.

Both clean and marked-up versions of a substitute specification and Abstract, as well as a STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.125(b), are attached. The specification and Abstract have been revised to place the English translation of the original Japanese language PCT application in a format more closely corresponding to that customarily employed in US patent practice.

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney for applicant.

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